

# Mental Health Crisis Line

## Title 63C, Chapter 18

### **63C-18-101. Title.**

- (1) This chapter is known as the "Mental Health Crisis Line Commission."
- (2) This part is known as "General Provisions."

### **63C-18-102. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Commission" means the Mental Health Crisis Line Commission created in Section 63C-18-202.
- (2) "Local mental health crisis line" means a phone number or other response system that is:
  - (a) accessible within a particular geographic area of the state; and
  - (b) intended to allow an individual to contact and interact with a qualified mental or behavioral health professional.
- (3) "Statewide mental health crisis line" means a statewide phone number or other response system that allows an individual to contact and interact with a qualified mental or behavioral health professional 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

### **63C-18-201. Title.**

This part is known as "Commission Creation."

### **63C-18-202. Commission established -- Members.**

- (1) There is created the Mental Health Crisis Line Commission, composed of the following 11 members:
  - (a) the executive director of the University Neuropsychiatric Institute;
  - (b) the governor or the governor's designee;
  - (c) the director of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health;
  - (d) one representative of the Office of the Attorney General, appointed by the attorney general;
  - (e) one member of the public, appointed by the chair of the commission;
  - (f) two individuals who are mental or behavioral health clinicians licensed to practice in the state, appointed by the chair of the commission, at least one of whom is an individual who:

- (i) is licensed as a physician under:
    - (A) Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;
    - (B) Title 58, Chapter 67b, Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; or
    - (C) Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; and
  - (ii) is board eligible for a psychiatry specialization recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialists or the American Osteopathic Association's Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists;
  - (g) one individual who represents a county of the first or second class, appointed by the Utah Association of Counties;
  - (h) one individual who represents a county of the third, fourth, or fifth class, appointed by the Utah Association of Counties;
  - (i) one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; and
  - (j) one member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (2)
    - (a) The executive director of the University Neuropsychiatric Institute is the chair of the commission.
    - (b) The chair of the commission shall appoint a member of the commission to serve as the vice chair of the commission, with the approval of the commission.
    - (c) The chair of the commission shall set the agenda for each commission meeting.
  - (3)
    - (a) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum.
    - (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the commission.
  - (4)
    - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), a member may not receive compensation, benefits, per diem, or travel expenses for the member's service on the commission.
    - (b) Compensation and expenses of a member who is a legislator are governed by Section

36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5,  
Legislative Compensation and Expenses.

- (5) The Office of the Attorney General shall provide staff support to the commission.

establishing a statewide mental health crisis line.



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**63C-18-203. Commission duties -- Reporting requirements.**

- (1) (a) The commission shall:
- (i) identify a method to integrate existing local mental health crisis lines to ensure each individual who accesses a local mental health crisis line is connected to a qualified mental or behavioral health professional, regardless of the time, date, or number of individuals trying to simultaneously access the local mental health crisis line;
  - (ii) study how to establish and implement a statewide mental health crisis line, including identifying:
    - (A) a statewide phone number or other means for an individual to easily access the statewide mental health crisis line;
    - (B) a supply of qualified mental or behavioral health professionals to staff the statewide mental health crisis line; and
    - (C) a funding mechanism to operate and maintain the statewide mental health crisis line; and
  - (iii) coordinate with local mental health authorities in fulfilling the commission's duties described in Subsections (1)(a)(i) and (ii).
- (b) The commission may conduct other business related to the commission's duties described in Subsection (1)(a).
- (2) Before November 30, 2017, the commission shall report to the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee regarding:
- (a) the extent to which the commission fulfilled the commission's duties described in Subsection (1); and
  - (b) recommendations for future legislation related to integrating local mental health crisis lines or